(c) Project preparation for these roads has been awarded. It is too early to indicate the time-frame for completion of these four-laning projects, which will be known after completion of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and award of the works.

Development of Highways

508. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has undertaken the construction and development of a set of six highways, namely, (i) Delhi-Chandigarh (ii) Delhi-Jaipur (iii) Delhi-Meerut (iv) Bangalore-Chennai (v) Delhi-Agra and (vi) Kolkata-Dhanbad; and

(b) if so, the details of the development work and infrastructure to be provided thereon and its cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The details of the construction and development undertaken by NHAI on the above mentioned six highways are given in the statement.

Statement

The details of development construction under taken by NHAI on highways

S.No.	Stretch	Development/Construction undertaken by NHAI
1	Delhi-Chandigarh	Delhi-Ambala Section of NH-1 is already 4 laned. Delhi-Panipat Section (km 8.2 to km 44.3) is being 6/8 laned at an estimated cost of Rs. 254.73 crore. Action initiated for award of work for 6 laning of km 66 to km 86. Work has been on BOT basis for 6-lane elevated highway from km 86 to km 96, the estimated project cost is Rs. 325 crore. Ambala-Chandigarh section of NH-22 has been awarded on BOT basis under NHDP Phase-IIIA. The work is for completion by November, 2008. The Estimated project cost is Rs. 298 crore.
2	Delhi-Jaipur	Stretch is already 4-laned. The 6/8 laning of Delhi-Gurgaon section has been undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs. 555 crore on BOT basis.

S.N	Stretch	Development/Construction undertaken by NHAI
3	Oelhi-Meerut	The stretch is already 4 laned. Action initiated for award of DPR bids for 6 laning of this stretch.
4	Bangalore-Chennai	The section has been 4-laned as part of Golden Quadrilateral Project except for Kancheepuram-Poonamallee Section of NH-4 (km 70.2 to Km 13.8, with estimated cost of Rs. 164.37 crore and progress 88.5%).
5	Delhi-Agra	The section has been 4-laned. Construction of a 6-lane elevated Highway at Badarpur (km 16.7 to km 19.7 and approaches) on NH-2 at an estimated cost of Rs. 270 corre with target date of completion of work by December 2009, is planned. Prequalification of bidders has been done. Tenders are likely to be invited by June, 2006 after consultation with Government of Delhi/Haryana.
6 .	Kolkata-Dhanbad	The stretch has been 4-laned as part of the Golden Quadrilateral Project except for Vivekananda Bridge and approaches which has been taken up on BOT basis with estimated cost of Rs. 641 crore.

Express Highway project

† 509. SHRIMATI KAMLAMANHAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a consensus has been arrived at for an "Express Highway" project to connect Outer Delhi with the cities of neighbouring States in order to making the traffic smooth in National Capital, Delhi and neighbouring States Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, etc. and whether Government are considering to sanction this project;

(b) if so, the details of the said project;

(c) the assessment of the expenditure likely to be incurred on the project and the amount to be provided by concerned States and the Central Government; and

(d) the target set for commencing and completion of the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Regional Plan-2021 of National Capital Region notified on 17.09.2005

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.